

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Disaster Management – First Regional Conclaves of State Disaster Management Authorities scheduled to be held on 8 – 9th March, 2022 at Chennai – Deputation of Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore district to participate in the Conclave – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 410

dated 05-03-2022

Read:-

From the Joint Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, D.O. No. 1-52/2021-PP, dated 21.02.2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, it has been informed that the National Disaster Management Authority in association with the Government of Tamil Nadu is organizing first Regional Conclaves of State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMAs) involving the States/Union Territories (Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Goa, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry) facing similar kinds of hazards and vulnerabilities, in Chennai on 8th and 9th March, 2022 and nominate concerned senior officers to participate in the Conclave.

2. Sri K.V.N. Chakradhara Babu, IAS (2011), Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore district is nominated to participate in the first Regional Conclaves of State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMAs) scheduled to be held on 8 – 9th March, at Chennai. A copy of the Concept Note is enclosed. The Member of Service is requested to share the details including travel itinerary with Government of Tamil Nadu on e-mail id (tnsdma@tn.gov.in, tnstateeoc@gmail.com) with a copy of National Disaster Management Authority on e-mail id policyplan@nmda.gov.in.

3. The Joint Collector & Addl. District Magistrate (RB&R), SPSR Nellore district shall attend the current duties of the Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore district during the above period.

4. This order does not require the concurrence of the Finance Department as per rule on the subject.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH

DR. SAMEER SHARMA
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K.V.N. Chakradhara Babu, IAS (2011), C&DM, SPSR Nellore district, Nellore (w.e.).

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The Revenue (Disaster Management) Department.
The Joint Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority,
Ministry of Home Affairs, NDMA Bhawan, A-1 Safdarjang Enclave,
NEW DELHI – 110 029.

The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Director,

Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority,
Commissionerate of Revenue Administration Exhilagam,
Chepak, CHENNAI-5.

The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.

The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.

The P.S. Principal Secretary to Government (Political).

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SECTION OFFICER (SC)

Regional SDMA's and Institutions Conclave

Coordination with SDMAs and Sharing of Best Practices & Lessons Learnt

A Concept Note

As Covid-19 shows a consistent decline in the country, it is time to resume our consultations in a physical setting. A regional conclave provides us an opportunity to take stock of key developments in the region, and develop a road map for strengthening the practice of disaster management in the country.

During Covid-19, the SDMAs and DDMA's worked closely with the Departments of Health and supported several interventions to provide physical and social protection. Our engagement in a new area, which is not typically dealing with hazards, has several lessons for disaster management. It is important to reflect upon our contribution to Covid-19 efforts critically and recommend how our disaster management system needs to be strengthened to respond to these emergent challenges.

The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the States. SDMAs lead the disaster management system at the State level. However, it is also a fact that barring a few States, the Department of Disaster Management and SDMAs function separately. There is a need for change for greater synergy between these two parts of the disaster management system.

Though there are certain provisions of the DM Act, 2005, assigning the responsibilities to the Central and State Governments both to work in tandem, there is a lot more to be done on the ground for effective coordination between the two for taking effective measures in disaster risk reduction and management. Innovative ideas for adaptation and mitigation to the increased intensity and frequency of disasters owing to Climate change impact is also important to capture.

One of the key institutional priorities arising from the experience of Covid-19 is to strengthen the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA). There is a need to discuss concrete proposals related to the strengthening of DDMA's. Panchayati Raj institutions and municipal governments have also played an important role in managing Covid-19. It is time to recognize the local governments as key stakeholders in disaster management. It is important to discuss how NDMA and SDMAs can support local governments in improving their disaster management capacities, resources, and functions.

The 15th Finance Commission through its recommendations has set up four funding windows. Within the NDRF/SDRF, there are three funding windows—Response, Recovery & Reconstruction, and Preparedness & Capacity-building. Furthermore, for the first time, the National / State Disaster Mitigation Funds have been activated. The operationalization of

these four funding windows is an important priority, which needs to be discussed. There is a need for greater accountability in the utilization of these resources. These issues need to be discussed in greater detail.

Along with the funding windows within the SDRF/SDMF, there is also a need to improve insurance coverage in the country. The 15th Finance Commission has made a few recommendations on expanding insurance coverage. These recommendations need to be discussed for their feasibility. A few insurance companies can also be invited to a particular session for specific contributions.

Climate change is making a serious impact, leading to a greater number of cloudbursts, thunderstorms, excessively heavy rains, floods, and cyclones. These climate hazards lead to several secondary disasters such as landslides and erosion. States are exposed to a large number of smaller hazard events causing loss of human lives and property.

As States are exposed to many disasters, they request the deployment of the National Disaster Response Force. The NDRF deployment has helped the States to evacuate people and reduce mortality. However, it is also the time that the States step up their preparedness efforts and improve the strength of State Disaster Response Forces and other auxiliary forces such as Civil Defence and Home Guards.

More than six years of Sendai framework have elapsed, and all the indicators and targets of the framework need to be met in the remaining nine years till 2030. Covid-19 has been a big setback to the progress of Sendai framework at the global level. As India is a signatory to the Sendai framework, we need to accelerate its implementation and monitor the progress.

A set of action points as the way forward can be decided upon. Both the NDMA and all the SDMAs need to discuss how these action points can be achieved collectively.

Need for the Regional Conclaves:

Every disaster results in many good practices and many lessons learnt. States also take several initiatives for preparedness, mitigation and risk reduction which have resulted in successful management of disasters and have set examples to learn from them. States have also taken exemplary measures in the field of mitigation and risk reduction which also need to be replicated by other States/UTs.

Similarly, there are many States/UTs, which are yet to get to that level of preparedness as compared to other States/UTs. NDMA can provide a platform to SDMAs/ Institutions to share their best practices, lessons learnt and to discuss other issues pertaining to disaster management in their States/UTs. This will result in enhanced capacity of States, cross learning between SDMAs and efficient SDMA-NDMA partnership.

Issues for Discussion:

In addition to the above mentioned issues, some of the important points of discussion during the conclave will include:

- I. State's perspective of disaster management in India
- II. Progress and achievements vis-à-vis SFDRR
- III. Institutional setup and strengthening at State level (Development and Strengthening of SDMAs)
- IV. State's Expectation from NDMA
- V. NDMA's Expectation from States
- VI. Issues and challenges in working towards disaster resilient India
- VII. Best Practices and Lessons Learnt
- VIII. Cross Learning between States – replication of best practices
- IX. Scientific & technological advancement by local institutions
- X. Any other pending issues

Expected Participants:

The Conclave aims at giving due representation from States and NDMA/Central Government to discuss issues relevant to NDMA and States. Expected participants include:

- i. Members/Senior Officials of NDMA/MHA (DM Division)
- ii. Senior Officials of NIDM
- iii. Senior Officials of NDRF
- iv. Members/Senior Officials of SDMA / DM Departments of States / SIDM or ATI
- v. Senior Officials of other important central and State Departments
- vi. Technical & Academic Institutions / organizations
- vii. Invited Experts

Expected Outcome:

The proposed conclave will result in following:

- I. Better understanding and coordination between NDMA and SDMAs
- II. Roadmap for institutional strengthening
- III. Cross learning between States
- IV. Replication of best practices& prototype development
- V. Strategies for multiplier effect of lessons learnt
- VI. Documentation of Scientific & technological advancements
- VII. Resolution of pending issues, if any

Regional SDMA's and Institutions Conclave – I

(Coastal and Island States)

Date: 8-9 March, 2022

Venue: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Objective of the Workshop

- Sharing of best practices and lessons learnt among States/UTs
- Discussion on the issues regarding coordination between NDMA and SDMA's

Tentative Agenda:

Day – 1:

0900 - 1000	Registration	
INAUGURAL SESSION		
1000-1010	Introduction & Welcome Address	JS (PP), NDMA
1010 -1020	Opening Remarks	Principal Secretary (Revenue), Govt. of Tamil Nadu
1020-1030	Key Note Address	Member Secretary, NDMA
1030-1040	Address by Guest of Honour	Hon'ble Minister of Disaster Management, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
1040 – 1055	Address of Chief Guest	Hon'ble Chief Minister. Tamil Nadu
1055 - 1100	Vote of Thanks	Joint Advisor (PP), NDMA
Tea Break - 1100-1130		
SESSION I – OVERVIEW OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN INDIA: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES		
Chair: TBD Co-Chair: TBD		
1130 - 1200	Overview of Disaster Management (covering roles and functions of NDMA, problems of the region, NCRMP, Financial Provisions, etc.) (25 Min)	JS (PP), NDMA
	Discussion and Q&A (5 Min)	
SESSION II – SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS		
Chair: TBD Co-Chair: TBD		
1200-1330	Special Address on DRR in the Region (20 Min)	Dr. V. Thiruppugazh, IAS (Retd.), Former Additional Secretary, NDMA
	Presentation by Institutions and Agencies on	Experts nominated by

	Scientific and Technological Innovations (10 Min each) • MHA – JS (DM) • MoEFCC – Secretary • NIO – Director • INCOIS – Director • IMD – Director General • NDRF – Director General • NIDM (South Campus) – ED, NIDM	Institutions/Agencies
Lunch Break – 1330 – 1430		
SESSION III – BEST PRACTICES, LESSONS LEARNT AND TECHNOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS BY STATES/UTS		
Chair: TBD Co-Chair: TBD		
1430 -1600	Overview on importance of Best Practices & Lessons Learnt – 15 Min Presentation by States/UTs (By 4 States/UTs - 15 min each) Including, but not limited to a. Disasters faced by States/UTs b. DRR Initiatives by States/UTs c. Success Stories d. Opportunities and Challenges Discussion and Q&A (15 Min)	Consultant (PPM), NDMA Andaman & Nicobar Island Andhra Pradesh Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Goa
Tea Break – 1600 – 1630		
SESSION IV – BEST PRACTICES, LESSONS LEARNT AND TECHNOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS BY STATES/UTS (CONTD.)		
1630 - 1730	Presentation by States/UTs (By 3 States/UTs - 15 min each) Including, but not limited to a. Disasters faced by States/UTs b. DRR Initiatives by States/UTs c. Success Stories d. Opportunities and Challenges Discussion and Q&A (15 Min)	Karnataka Kerala Lakshadweep

Day – 2		
SESSION – IV – BEST PRACTICES, LESSONS LEARNT AND TECHNOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS BY STATES/UTS (CONTD.)		
Chair: TBD Co-Chair: TBD		
1000 -1115	Presentation by States/UTs (By 4 States/UTs - 15 min each) Including, but not limited to a. Disasters faced by States/UTs b. DRR Initiatives by States/UTs c. Success Stories d. Opportunities and Challenges Discussion and Q&A (15 Min)	Odisha Puducherry Tamil Nadu West Bengal
SESSION – V – STRENGTHENING NDMA-SDMA COORDINATION		
Chair: TBD Co-Chair: TBD		
1115-1215	Panel Discussion involving NDMA / SDMAs / Experts	NDMA / SDMAs / Experts
WAY FORWARD & VALEDICTORY SESSION		
1215 – 1225	Summary of the Workshop Proceedings & Way Forward	NDMA – JS (PP)
1225 – 1235	Special Address	Member Secretary, NDMA
1235 – 1255	Valedictory Address	CEO, SDMA/Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu
1255 – 1300	Vote of Thanks	Joint Advisor (PP), NDMA
Lunch – 1300 – 1400		